

BOOK OF

JAMES

→ WHEN WE DON'T QUIT
WE WIN!

August 1st, 2021— “Wisdom from Above”

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

✦ True wisdom is the wisdom that comes from above.

✦ The Hebrew word for wisdom is described as:
“Skill for living”.

**“God doesn’t make me better than everyone else.
He makes me better than myself.”**

James 1:5

✦ **Marks of Wisdom from Above. (James 3:17-18)**

1. The wise have a pure heart.

Titus 1:15 (NLT), Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

2. The wise love peace.

James 1:20, Proverbs 14:29, Proverbs 20:3

3. The wise consider it.

Romans 15:1-3 (NLT)

“Give your thoughts a break. You already think them.”
– John Maxwell

4. The wise are willing to yield.

Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)

5. The wise minimize the mistakes of others

James 2:12-13

**“I’d rather stand before God having loved too much than
having judged too harshly.”**

6. The wise are authentic.

Proverbs 28:13

Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest
of righteousness.